

May 16, 2004

**IOWA SOFTBALL**

**HAWKEYES SELECTED TO NCAA REGIONALS AS NO. 5 SEED AT NEBRASKA**

**IOWA CITY** – The University of Iowa softball team was selected to the NCAA Regional Tournament Sunday night. The Hawkeyes will play in the Region V Tournament to be held in Lincoln, NE, May 20-23.

The Hawkeyes are the No. 5 seed and will face No. 4 seed Mississippi State in the first round. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday.

The California Golden Bears are the No. 1 seed in the Nebraska Region, while the host Cornhuskers are the No. 2 seed. Florida Atlantic is the No. 3 seed, Creighton is No. 6, while No. 7 Lehigh and No. 8 Maine round out the field.

Iowa is 38-22 on the season and finished in a tie for second in the Big Ten. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> time the Hawkeyes have advanced to the NCAA Tournament, including each of the last five seasons.

**Region No. 5 - May 20-23 at Lincoln, Nebraska**

Game 1 (10 a.m.) - No. 3 seed Florida Atlantic (54-16) vs. No. 6 seed Creighton (39-15-1)

Game 2 (12:30 p.m.) - No. 2 seed Nebraska (40-15) vs. No. 7 seed Lehigh (40-15-2)

Game 3 (3 p.m.) - No. 4 seed Mississippi State (38-24) vs. **No. 5 seed Iowa (38-22)**

Game 4 (5 :30 p.m.) - No. 1 seed California (46-11) vs. No. 8 seed Maine (27-21)

